



Friday
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Weekly Views

Putnamville CLIFF program staff will be collecting donated canned goods from the staff at the facility. The offenders in the program will create posters and drawings which will be hung throughout the facility to make others aware of the importance of recovery, and then the canned goods will be donated to a community recovery program. When a staff member donates a canned good he or she will be able to sign his or her name on a pad and, at a later date, wear a hat of his or her choice for one day (custody staff) or wear jeans for one day (non-custody).

New Castle Correctional Facility's PLUS Unit pledged \$2,500 for the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Fourteen (14) students from the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility earned their GED through the facility's Vantage Pointe Learning Center, with one of those earning an honors diploma. The facility's school is accredited through the NCA CASI Advanced Education and offers regular high school credit classes, as well as GED education and testing. Thus far in fiscal year 2010-2011, the school has graduated 35 students, and 14 students are awaiting results through the program. Of the 35 graduates, two of those obtained honors diplomas. The Vantage Pointe Learning Center has also issued 201 high school credits to students that were not involved in the GED program during the same time frame.

Staff and offenders from New Castle Correctional Facility participated in the Henry County United Fund's 17th Annual "Day of Caring."

Henryville Correctional Facility had its third round of volunteer training for this year. This year to date, 59 volunteers have been trained to be able to come in to a facility with a maximum population of 200. The volunteers cover the ranges from religious volunteers, AA, Toastmasters, and Life Skills training, to those teaching different cognitive thinking skills.

South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility received a 100% on its pharmacy audit.

Program Director Taflinger recently escorted three Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility students off grounds to the Jefferson County Animal Shelter for a Restorative Justice Project.

The Prison Tails Program and its accomplishments at Westville Correctional Facility were highlighted in the October 2010 issue of Ladies Home Journal. It can be found on pages 86-88.

Offenders from New Castle Correctional Facility's minimum housing provided New Castle and the surrounding communities with 2,887 hours of community service for the month of August.

WTWO Television in Terre Haute received a special "Thank You" from the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility PLUS Unit - a custom quilt in appreciation for their continuous coverage of pro-active events at the maximum-security facility. WTWO has showcased the facility Education, Fatherhood, Substance Abuse and PLUS community service activities, to name just a few. WTWO News Director Tom McClanahan accepted the quilt on behalf of the station. (See photo, right)



To date, South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility has donated 279 lbs of produce to local charities, including the Northern Indiana Food Bank and other Unity Gardens.

Off-ground Work Crews at the Pendleton Correctional Facility provided 910 hours of community service during August. Since the first of the year, crews have logged a total of 10,357.75 hours.

The American Legion and Organic Farmers offender organizations at the Indiana State Prison each donated \$500.00 to the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.